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1. KOLO LEAVES NEW YORK FOR LONDON

2. REFERENCES TO MEMBERS OF THE JUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT ...

(1944)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No.: 1042

25th July 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

KOLO[ii] is leaving by air for SIDON[iii] on 25th July 1944. Your instructions have been passed on to him. Take into account the fact that KOLO [2 groups unrecovered] leadership[RUKOVODSTVO]. For example when HALPERN[GAL'PERN][iv], who had arrived from SIDON, told KOLO that SERES[v] was certain about the inclusion in the Covernment of KONSTANTINOVIĆ[vi] and TOPALOVIĆ[vii]

[8 groups unrecovered]

. He [C% will have to be] told not to take any important decisions without preliminary clearance from us.

KOLO needs [3 groups unrecovered]. He has no personal ambition.

[10 groups unrecovered]

his behaviour, one can take it that he is a man who is devoted to us and who understands that the well-being of his native country depends on our support.

To establish contact our man tells KOLC that VLADO[viii] is INRE[TIR][ix] wishes to be remembered to him.

A year ago KOLO let slip to SERES the fact that he was in contact with SERGEJ[a][x]. KOLO himself, in view of the position which SERES is occupying[b], suspects that the latter is in contact with us although S.[xi] has never betrayed to him his dealings with SERGEJ. This shows [2 groups unrecovered] KOLO [C% the necessity for absolute secrecy]. In future one should go on patiently explaining the importance of this point to him.

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In view of the urgency of KOLO's departure there is no possibility [2 groups unrecovered] with him DEKA[xii]. It is not at all likely that he [1 group unrecovered] SERES from SIDON.

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MAY[MAJ][xiii]

Notes:

[a] Literally "... let slip to SERES about contact with SERGEJ."

[b] or "is taking up".

Comments:

[i] VIKTOR:

Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] KOLO:

Sava N. KOSANOVIC, Minister for Home Affairs, Social Welfare, Health and Public Works in the SUBASIC Government

of JUGOSLAVIA in LONDON.

[iii] SIDON:

LONDON.

[iv] HALPERN:

Aleksandr J. HALPERN, Chief of the Minorities Sub-Section of British Security Coordination in NEW YORK.

[v] SERES:

Dr. Ivan SUBASIC, Prime Minister of the Jugoslav Government in LONDON.

[vi] KONSTANTINOVIĆ:

Dr. Mikhail KONSTANTINOVIĆ, member of the Jugoslav Government 1939-1941.

[vii] TOPALOVIĆ:

Dr. Zhivko TOPALOVIĆ, appointed leader of the Jugoslav Social-Democratic

Party in January 1944.

[viii] VLADO:

Unidentified. May just be a fictitious

name.

[ix] TYRE:

NEW YORK CITY.

[x] SERGEJ:

Vladimir PRAVDIN, Tass representative

in the USA.

[xi] S:

Abbreviation for SERES (see comment [v]).

[xii] DEK[A]:

Unidentified: Also occurs in NEW YORK's No. 1016 of 20th July 1944 (3/NBF/T377).

[xiii] MAY:

Stepan Zakharovich APRESYaN, Soviet

Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.

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